FPI proposal of Tripura

3224. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the proposals of Food Processing put forward to the Central Government by the Tripura Government which are pending, uptil now;

(b) the reasons for not according sanction in respect of many of the schemes; and

(c) by when the cases will be fully funded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM): (a) Forwarding of proposals by State Nodal Agencies is a continuous process. However, from the Ninth Plan period till now 22 proposals were forwarded by State Nodal Agency of Tripura.

(b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries approves only such proposals which are technically feasible and financially viable.

(c) The Ministry releases the grant in instalments depending upon the progress. Generally, cases, of North East are eligible for 33.33% of cost of the machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs. Under Technology mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the North East, higher ceiling of assistance is available. However, no project is fully funded by the Ministry.

Assistance to FPIS in NER

3225. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many food Processing Industrial Units are there in the North-Eastern States;

(b) the classification of the categories of these units;

(c) the names of the units in Tripura getting Central assistance and those not getting Central assistance as yet; and

(d) by when, every food Processing Industrial Units of Tripura will get the required assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI NT. SHANMUGAM):(a) and (b) Food

Processing Units are both in the organized and unorganized sector. Therefore data in this regard is not maintained centrally. 62 units in North Eastern Region have been registered under the Fruit Products Order for manufacture of fruit and vegetable products.

(c) During the Ninth Plan period six proposals from tripura *viz.* Department of Industries and Commerce, Agartala, Department of Fisheries, Govt, of Tripura, Agartala, Directorate of Industries, Government of Tripura, Agartala, Tripura Industrial Development Corporation, Agartala, Tripura, M/s. Matila and Gouri Food Storage Pvt. Ltd, Agartala and Tripura Fishery Training Institute, Agartala were approved for financial assistance by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

(d) Financial assistance under the Plan Scheme is given only to those projects which are found to be technically feasible and financially viable. As such, all proposals cannot be considered for financial assistance.

National Bal Bhawan

3226. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the staff strength, post-wise of National Bal Bhavan (N.B.B.) as on 1st January, 1997 and 1st January, 2003;

(b) whether any review/study has been undertaken during last few . years regarding N.B.B. staff structure and others related matter;

(c) if so, the details of the findings/recommendations of such a review/ study;

(d) whether these recommendations have been implemented fully; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to protect/promote promotion avenues of officers/staff of N.B.B. caused by said implementation during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN):(a) The information furnished by the National Bal Bhavan regarding sanctioned strength of various posts in National Bal Bhavan as on 1 st January, 1997 and 1st January, 2003 is given in the enclosed Statement *{See* below).